

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> US Food and Drug Administration
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable).</b> <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Patulin in apple juice, concentrates and products (2 pages plus draft documents)
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Foods: "Apple Juice, Apple Juice Concentrates, and Apple Juice Products - Adulteration with Patulin"; Draft Compliance Policy Guide; Availability and "Patulin in Apple Juice, Apple Juice Concentrates, and Apple Juice Products"; Draft Supporting Document; Availability
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft compliance policy guide (CPG) entitled "Apple Juice, Apple Juice Concentrates, and Apple Juice Products - Adulteration with Patulin". This document is intended to make FDA offices and industry aware of FDA's guidance for enforcement concerning apple juice, apple juice concentrates, and apple juice products that contain patulin, a toxic substance produced by molds that may grow on apples, and that has been found to occur at high levels in some apple juice products offered for sale or import in the United States. The agency is also announcing the availability of a document entitled "Patulin in Apple Juice, Apple Juice Concentrates, and Apple Juice Products" (the draft supporting document).
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> The Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (CCFAC) has forwarded, at Step 8, a standard on patulin in apple juice to the Codex Commission. The Commission will review the recommendation at their next meeting in June 2001. This US proposal reflects the same level of 50 ppb as is included in the Codex proposed standard.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> 65 FR 37791, 16 June 2000 (Available in English)

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 15 August 2000</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> Food and Drug Administration</p> <p><b>[ ] National notification authority, [ ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Texts available from: [ X ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority          USDA/FAS/FSTSD          Attn: Carolyn F. Wilson          Room 5545 South Agriculture Building          Stop 1027          1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.          Washington, D.C. 20250          Phone (202) 720-2239          Fax (202) 690-0677          E-mail Address: ofsts@fas.usda.gov</p>